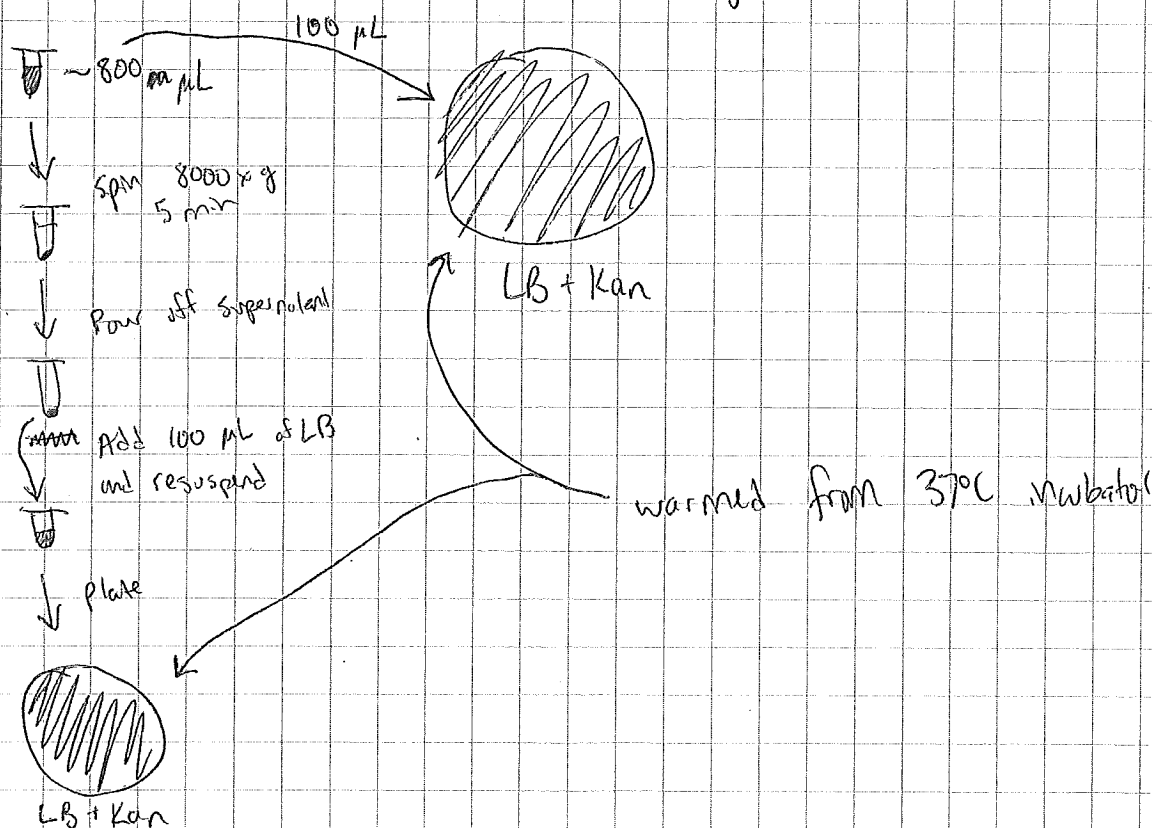


7/13 Ligated the ~~transformed~~ vector and insert from the :GEM project.  
See Kirste's notebook for specifics on ligation.

~~Then~~ After ligation, transformation occurred with the following protocol:

1. Remove competent cells from  $-80^{\circ}\text{C}$  freezer
2. Thaw on ice (20-30 min)
3. Add  $10\text{ pg}-100\text{ ng}$  ( $1-5\text{ }\mu\text{L}$ ) of DNA to  $50\text{ }\mu\text{L}$  of competent cells (used  $3\text{ }\mu\text{L}$  each)
4. Incubate on ice for 30 min
5. Heat shock at  $42^{\circ}\text{C}$  for 3 min
6. Cool on ice for 5 min
7. Add  $750\text{ }\mu\text{L}$  of LB
8. Incubate and shake for one hour
9. Warm selection plates ( $37^{\circ}\text{C}$ )
10. Spread  $100\text{ }\mu\text{L}$  onto 1 plate (labeled K-B 1 and K-G 1) and spin down the rest at  $8000\times g$  for 5 min.
11. Pour off supernatant, and resuspend pellet in  $100\text{ }\mu\text{L}$  of LB and plate (labeled K-B 2 and K-G 2)
12. Incubate plates at  $37^{\circ}\text{C}$  overnight.



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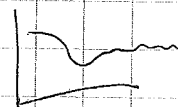
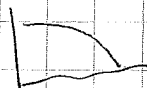
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Inoculation

~ 1:40 pm

SE32
7/14/16
3x3 10 mL ASW

Bacteria in reactor aren't ready yet. ~~Curve looks like~~ and should look like



So I'll have to wait a bit longer to extract the bacteria

Things to do:

- iGEM

✓ - Take one colony from K-B plate, run ~~PCR~~ colony PCR + streak at the same time

✓ - Run PCR for psBIC3 with higher template  
(2.5  $\mu$ L each primer, 6  $\mu$ L template, 64  $\mu$ L water, 75  $\mu$ L Q5)  $\div$  3 tubes <sup>50  $\mu$ L each</sup>

- Put Maggie and Mitchell's ligations into competent cells  
(wait until Nick/Gabby/we confirm <sup>new</sup> competent cells work/are competent).

✓ - Retransform B and C into K with remaining ligation mix from before

- Run PCR and gel for H

- other

✓ - Take 45 mL x 2 from old reactor and 45 mL x 2 from my new reactor, spin it down, resuspend the pellet, do PCR + run gel to see if I get any better results for identification via reactor solution.

(will wait until ~~when~~ my reactor is ready so I can do both PCRs at the same time)

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7/18 Repeat transformation of B and G into K. Followed same procedure as on page 45 except used all remaining ligation mix. (~18-20  $\mu$ L). let run overnight (labeled Transformation K-B 1A, K-B 2A, K-G 1A, K-G 2A)

Ran PCR for pSB1C3 with higher template and got a band ~2 kb



38 min.

(C4) - didn't run C5 and C6 b/c they all the same thing

Good - this means we can ligate and transform into the chloramphenicol (sp?) vector, which is the one we need for the final submission for the iGEM project.

Need to do PCR cleanup Kit on these tubes ~~transform~~

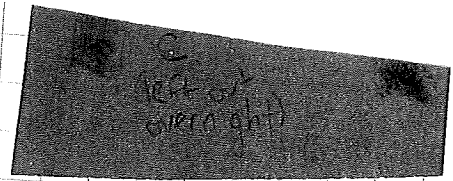
Took one colony from K-B plate and streaked it onto a different plate. then did colony PCR to amplify it and ran a gel to see if it was present

Post:

PCR cleanup, Nanodrop results:

Tubes labeled as:		Conc. (ng/ $\mu$ L)	260/280	260/230
(c1)	C4	67.7	1.84	1.91
(c2)	C5	366.7	1.39	0.85
(c3)	C6	94.8	1.86	1.97

7/22 Presentation at UMD on iGEM stuff



7/25 Extracted 45 mL x 2 from old reactor (O1 and O2) and from new reactor (N1 and N2) and put back ASW into reactors 1 and 2. Sampled from (SE31) for old reactor and my reactor for new).

New was running for ~74 hrs  
Old for ~2 months (started 5/26)

Centrifuge down in room in building 3D around the corner (code to get in room is 2/3 + 1), 3500 RCF for 10 min, 10°C.

7/26 DNA never pelleted, which was odd. Decanted N1, O1, and O2 and did a PCR for each with all 4 master mixes after resuspending in 1 mL of nuclease free water (added 10 µL of resuspended DNA to each PCR tube). Used the same PCR protocol as on page 39.

iGEM [made LB + chloramphenicol plates yesterday for iGEM, and made LB + tetracycline plates today]

Designed new primers (will finish tomorrow)

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2/2 Set up PCR for genes A and B using the high fidelity Q5 polymerase and 50  $\mu$ L reactions

~~A~~  
 25  $\mu$ L Q5  
 0.25  $\mu$ L Forward primer 1  
 0.25  $\mu$ L Forward primer 2  
 0.25  $\mu$ L Reverse primer  
 0.5  $\mu$ L DNA  
 23.75  $\mu$ L Nuclease free H<sub>2</sub>O

B and B Forward

25  $\mu$ L Q5  
 0.25  $\mu$ L Forward primer  
 0.25  $\mu$ L Reverse primer  
 0.5  $\mu$ L DNA  
 24  $\mu$ L Nuclease free H<sub>2</sub>O

B anneal at 72°  
 BF anneal at ~72°  
 ↳ one at 72° BFI  
 one at 71° BF2, + BF blank

For hetero staggered:

A1

25  $\mu$ L Q5  
 0.25  $\mu$ L Forward Primer 1  
 0.25  $\mu$ L Reverse primer  
 0.5  $\mu$ L DNA  
 24  $\mu$ L Nuclease free water

A2

25  $\mu$ L Q5  
 0.25  $\mu$ L Forward Primer 2  
 0.25  $\mu$ L Reverse Primer  
 0.5  $\mu$ L DNA  
 24  $\mu$ L Nuclease free water

anneal at 71°

For A and B (~770 bp), PCR protocol is:

98°C 30 sec.

98°C 10 sec

72°C 30 sec.

72°C 1:30 min

Repeat x 34

72°C 3 min

10°C ∞

\* use T<sub>m</sub> Calculator online for Q5 polymerase \*

After PCR, do PCR cleanup. Then, combine the two separate tubes into one tube. Heat and slowly cool them to get the desired sticky end.

: GEM

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8/3 Ran a gel of some of the PCR product  
(to the left is Gabby's stuff, can disregard)

Lane	Contained
6	Ladder
7	Blank (BF)
8	BF1
9	BF2

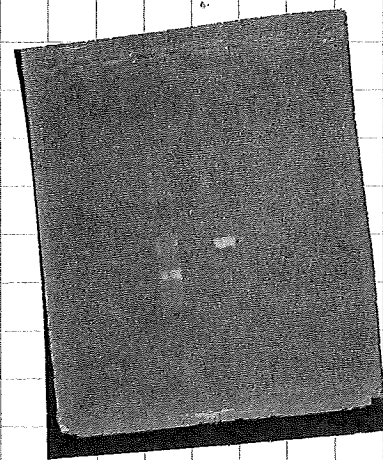


we were able to amplify the fused primer for gene B.

Because of this, we will probably just use the BF tubes for ligations/transformations to avoid the problem of the two start codons in front of the gene using just the BFwd primer. (If this doesn't make sense, look at the primer design document on the computer).

Ran a gel of the rest of the PCR product.

Lane	Contained
1	Ladder
2	Blank A1
3	A1
4	Blank A2
5	A2 (evaporated)
6	Blank B
7	B1
8	B2
9	A2 again (still didn't show)



Ladder, A2 Blank, A2

\* Because original A2 tube was cracked, reran it and the blank

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2/3 Did a PCR cleanup for A1, A2, BF1, and BF2 (not B1 or B2, as we won't use these because of the two start codons before the B gene), and nanodropped

	Conc. (ng/ $\mu$ L)	260/280	260/230
A1	60.8	1.71	0.96
A2	27.3	1.95	1.72
BF1	30.9	1.96	2.31
BF2	37.9	1.94	1.88

Mixed A1 and A2 into tube labeled A. Used equal amounts of DNA, so took 20  $\mu$ L of 27.3 ng/ $\mu$ L A2 and 9.0  $\mu$ L of 60.8 ng/ $\mu$ L A1 (~546 ng DNA each). (29  $\mu$ L total)

Now a digest will be performed.

Got the previously extracted Chloramphenicol plasmids from freezer (see page 47) and used C1. We want 1  $\mu$ g of DNA, so:

$$\frac{67.7 \text{ ng}}{\mu\text{L}} \times \mu\text{L} = 1000 \text{ ng}$$

$$14.8 \mu\text{L of plasmid.}$$

Recipes for Digest (50  $\mu$ L reactions)

### Plasmid, C1

14.8  $\mu$ L DNA  
5  $\mu$ L Buffer (Cutsmart)  
1  $\mu$ L RE 1 (EcoRI)  
1  $\mu$ L RE 2 (PstI)  
~~28.2~~ 29.2  $\mu$ L Nuclease free H<sub>2</sub>O

### Gene A

26.5 ~~26.5~~  $\mu$ L DNA  
5  $\mu$ L Buffer (Cutsmart)  
1  $\mu$ L RE 2 (PstI)  
17.5  $\mu$ L Nuclease free H<sub>2</sub>O

### Gene B

26.4  $\mu$ L DNA  
5  $\mu$ L Buffer (Cutsmart)  
1  $\mu$ L RE 1 (EcoRI)  
1  $\mu$ L RE 2 (PstI)  
16.6  $\mu$ L Nuclease free H<sub>2</sub>O

$$\frac{1000 \text{ ng}}{29} = 37.7 \text{ ng}/\mu\text{L}$$

$$\frac{1000 \text{ ng}}{37.7 \text{ ng}/\mu\text{L}} = 26.5 \mu\text{L}$$

no RE 1 for A because it was heterostaggered to already have the sticky end

$$\frac{1000 \text{ ng}}{37.9 \text{ ng}/\mu\text{L}} = 26.4 \mu\text{L}$$

\* see next page  
Gene B (from BF1)

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8/3 After making the digest recipes for each tube, the tubes should be placed in an incubator at 37°C for one hour.

~~We only had 20 µL of BPI so we adjusted to.~~

~~Gene B (From BPI)~~  
~~20.0 µL DNA~~  
~~5.0 µL Buffer (cutsmart)~~  
~~1 µL RE1 (EcoRI)~~  
~~1 µL RE2 (PstI)~~  
~~23.0 µL Nuclease free H<sub>2</sub>O~~  
~~24~~

Gene B (from BPI2)

26.4 µL DNA  
 5 µL Buffer (cutsmart)  
 1 µL RE1 (EcoRI)  
 1 µL RE2 (PstI)  
 16.6 µL Nuclease free H<sub>2</sub>O

(added 24 µL H<sub>2</sub>O  
 on accident, in case  
 future complications arise)

8/4 messed up the digestion yesterday, so redid the above procedure

After digestion, a PCR cleanup was performed, then the results were nanopropped:

	Conc. (ng/µL)	260/280	260/230
C	15.6	1.96	1.83
A	9.2	2.09	1.69
B	12.6	1.85	1.50



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8/4 Heated and slowly cooled the A tube to get the correct sticky ends from the heterostaggered PCR. Put A in the thermal cycler for the following:

95°C	5 min
85°	30 sec.
75°	30 sec
65°	30 sec
55°	30 sec
45°	30 sec
35°	30 sec
25°	30 sec
15°	30 sec
5°	∞

After this, a ligation was performed for C-A and C-B.  
Add the following into a mix:

\* ADD  
LIGASE  
LAST!

#### Ligate C-A

2  $\mu$ L T4 buffer  
1.6  $\mu$ L plasmid C (cut)  
3.8  $\mu$ L A (cut)  
11.6  $\mu$ L H<sub>2</sub>O  
1  $\mu$ L ligase

#### Ligate C-B

2  $\mu$ L T4 buffer  
1.6  $\mu$ L plasmid C (cut)  
2.78  $\mu$ L B (cut)  
12.62  $\mu$ L H<sub>2</sub>O  
1  $\mu$ L ligase

\* See Kirstie's notebook (page 36) for calculations: it was assumed that 25 ng of plasmid K were needed, also 25 ng of plasmid C were needed.

$$25 \text{ ng} / 15.6 \text{ ng}/\mu\text{L} = 1.60 \mu\text{L C}$$

It was also assumed that since ~35 ng of insert B were needed before, we will still need ~35 ng.

~~$$35 \text{ ng} / 12.6 \text{ ng}/\mu\text{L} = 2.78 \mu\text{L B}$$~~

It was assumed that since A is about the same length as B (770 to 771, respectively) ~35 ng of insert A would also be needed

$$35 \text{ ng} / 9.2 \text{ ng}/\mu\text{L} = 3.80 \mu\text{L A}$$

Nuclease free water was added to bring the volume of each tube up to 20  $\mu$ L

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8/4 After putting the tubes together, incubate them at room temperature for one hour.

After ligation, stored in the freezer until transformation could be done ~~(Monday)~~ (Monday)

8/8 Transformed AC into <sup>competent cells</sup> and BC into <sup>competent cells</sup>, following the same protocol as before (see page 45) except chloramphenicol plates were used. Let grow overnight and will check tomorrow.

Assuming we successfully inserted the two ArcA genes into two plasmid vectors, we now want to do the same with the two ArcB genes, F and H

Set up a PCR for genes F and H using the high fidelity Q5 polymerase and 50  $\mu$ L reactions (both ~~are~~ will use heterostaggered primers).

F1

25  $\mu$ L Q5  
0.25  $\mu$ L Fwd Primer 1  
0.25  $\mu$ L ~~Rev~~ Reverse Primer  
0.5  $\mu$ L DNA  
24  $\mu$ L Nuclease free water

H1

25  $\mu$ L Q5  
0.25  $\mu$ L Forward Primer  
0.25  $\mu$ L Rev. Primer 1  
0.5  $\mu$ L DNA  
24  $\mu$ L Nuclease free water

F2

25  $\mu$ L Q5  
0.25  $\mu$ L Fwd Primer 2  
0.25  $\mu$ L Rev. Primer  
0.5  $\mu$ L DNA  
24  $\mu$ L Nuclease free water

H2

25  $\mu$ L Q5  
0.25  $\mu$ L Fwd Primer  
0.25  $\mu$ L Rev. Primer 2  
0.5  $\mu$ L DNA  
24  $\mu$ L Nuclease free water

8/8 Used the  $T_m$  calculator to find the ~~approximate~~ temperature for the Q5, which for all 4 is  $72^\circ\text{C}$  (F is ~~min~~ 1446 bp and H is 1489)

$98^\circ\text{C}$  30 sec.  
 $98^\circ\text{C}$  10 sec.  
 $72^\circ\text{C}$  30 sec.  
 $72^\circ\text{C}$  1:30 min.  
 Repeat  $\times$  34  
 $72^\circ\text{C}$  3 min.  
 $10^\circ\text{C}$   $\infty$

8/9 we got no growth on the plates from the transformation from yesterday. Will try again but will use ~~incompetent cells instead~~ (use repeat. Same protocol as before) the remaining  $17\mu\text{L}$  from the ligation. [Same protocol as page 45 except use  $17\mu\text{L}$  instead of  $3\mu\text{L}$  of DNA in step 3.]

There ~~was~~ were no bands in the PCR from yesterday, so we repeated the same protocol and will run another gel tomorrow.

9/10 Still no growth on the transformation plates.

Possible reasons for failure:

1. Ligation is wrong
2. Competent cells aren't competent enough
3. There is no antibiotic (chloramphenicol) resistance already in the backbone

We will digest/ligate/transform only the chloramphenicol vector to see if there is a problem with the backbone or ~~or~~ with the plates/concentration of antibiotic.

8/10

Repeated the digestion process from page 56 with Plasmid C (used ~~W~~ C3)

Recipe was:

10.55  $\mu$ L DNA (C3)  
 5  $\mu$ L Buffer (cutsmart)  
 1  $\mu$ L RE1 (XbaI)  
 1  $\mu$ L RE2 (SpeI)  
 32.45  $\mu$ L Nuclease free H<sub>2</sub>O

\* from page 47:

$$\frac{94.8 \text{ ng}}{\mu\text{L}} \times X \mu\text{L} = 1000 \text{ ng}$$

$$X = 10.55 \mu\text{L}$$

After mixing, tube was put in 37° incubator for an hour.

A PCR cleanup was performed, and the results from the nanodrop were the following:

	Conc (ng/ $\mu$ L)	260/280	260/230
C	23.1	2.01	1.42

After cleaned up, the vector was ligated back ~~plasmid~~ together.\* Add  
ligase last

Ligate C (C2)  
 2  $\mu$ L T4 buffer  
 17  $\mu$ L plasmid C (cut)  
 1  $\mu$ L ligase

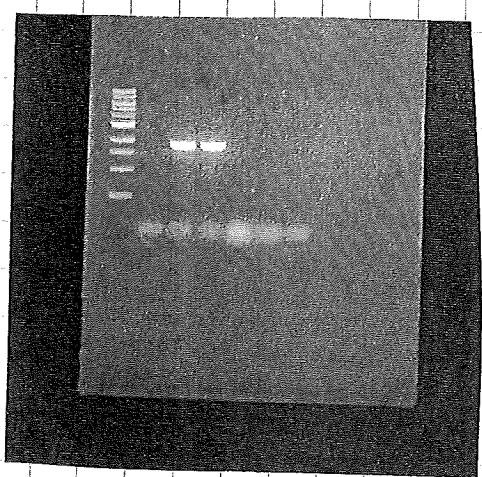
Leave the tube at room temperature for one hour.

After ligation, transformation was performed using the same procedure as on page 45 except chloramphenicol plates were used.  
 Let grow overnight.

8/10

Ran a gel from the PCR product from yesterday (8/9).

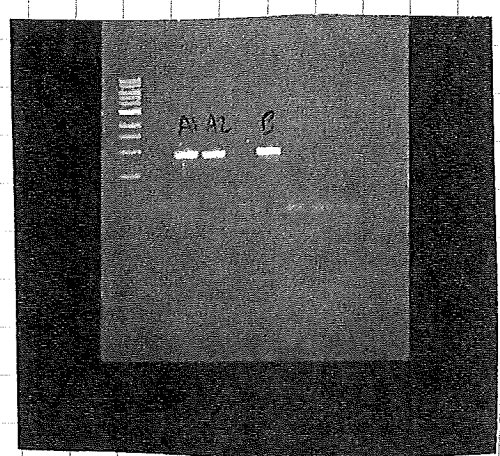
Lane	Contained
1	Ladder ( <u>1 KB</u> )
2	F Blank
3	F1
4	F2
5	H Blank
6	H1
7	H2



This time, F1 and F2 amplified, but H still didn't. Will try again.

Re-did the PCR for H. Also amplified genes A and B again for future use.

Lane	Contained
1	Ladder ( <u>1 KB</u> )
2	A Blank
3	A1
4	A2
5	B Blank
6	B (forced primer)
7	H Blank
8	H1
9	H2



A and B amplified, but H still didn't.

8/11 Redid the PCR for H the exact same way, but used a gradient ~~the~~ melting temperature to see if that was the problem. The temperatures were:

H1 - 65°C

H5 - 69.2°C

H2 - 65.5°C

H6 - 70.7°C

H3 - 66.4°C

H7 - 71.5°C

H4 - 67.7°C

H8 - 72°C

\* tubes labeled as H1A/H1B, H2A/H2B, etc. where A's have Reverse primer 1 and B's have Reverse primer 2

Ran a gel

LaneContained

1

2

3

4

5

6

7

8

9

10

(see Park's notebook)



8/11 Still no growth on the plates with the transformed plasmid vector.

Looked up the BioBrick Mapper for the vector, and chloramphenicol resistance is built in, so that isn't the issue.

To check if the plates are an issue, we could acquire some bacterial strain that is naturally chloramphenicol resistant.

Tania gave us a strain and I streaked it out today, so we'll see (check with her what exact strain it was, I think it was E.coli?)

Did a PCR cleanup from the PCR product from yesterday, A1, A2, and B. Nanodropped and got:

	Conc. (ng/ $\mu$ L)	260/280	260/230
A1	17.4	1.81	1.97
A2	20.6	1.99	1.55
B	26.2	1.85	1.43

Mixed tubes A1 and A2 into new tube, A. To get equal ~~concentra~~ amounts of DNA from both, Took 25  $\mu$ L of A2 ( $25 \times 20.6 = 515$  ng) and 29.6  $\mu$ L of A1 ( $29.6 \times 17.4 = 515$  ng) and mixed.

Next, we digested.

A  
44  $\mu$ L DNA  
5  $\mu$ L cut smart  
1  $\mu$ L Pst I

$$515 + 515 = 1030 \text{ ng}$$

$$\frac{1030 \text{ ng}}{54.6 \mu\text{L}} = 18.9 \text{ ng}/\mu\text{L}$$

need max. amount  
because of low concentration,  
so used 44  $\mu$ L

B  
38.2  $\mu$ L DNA  
5  $\mu$ L cut smart  
1  $\mu$ L Pst I  
1  $\mu$ L EcoRI  
4.8  $\mu$ L Nuclease free H<sub>2</sub>O

$$\frac{1030 \text{ ng}}{26.2 \text{ ng}/\mu\text{L}} = 38.2 \mu\text{L}$$

8/11 Let the digest tubes incubate at 37°C for 1 hour.

After digesting, they were nanodropped. Also got from the freezer the cleaned cut plasmid vector for Kanamycin (K) that Kirstie and I had made before.

	Conc. (ng/μL)	260/280	260/230
A	7.6	2.78	1.75
B	17.7	1.85	0.99
K	12.7	2.09	1.46

Since A is heterostaggered, we had to heat and cool slowly - same protocol as the top of page 58.

Next, A and B were each ligated into K.

#### Ligate A

2 μL T4 buffer  
2 μL plasmid K (cut)  
4.6 μL A (cut)  
10.4 μL Nuclease free H<sub>2</sub>O  
1 μL ligase

#### Ligate B

2 μL T4 buffer  
2 μL plasmid K (cut)  
2 μL B (cut)  
13 μL H<sub>2</sub>O  
1 μL ligase

\* Add ligase last

#### Calculations:

See Kirstie's page 36 for calculations reference

Needed 25 ng of plasmid

$$12.7 \text{ ng/}\mu\text{L} \times ? = 25 \text{ ng}$$

$$1.97 \approx 2 \mu\text{L K}$$

Used 35 ng of B before, so will use that again.

$$17.7 \text{ ng/}\mu\text{L} \times ? = 35 \text{ ng}$$

$$1.98 \approx 2 \mu\text{L B}$$

A and B are the same length, so assumed 35 ng of A were needed too

$$7.6 \text{ ng/}\mu\text{L} \times ? = 35 \text{ ng}$$

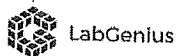
$$4.61 \mu\text{L A}$$

8/11 The ligation mixes were left to sit at room temperature for 1 hour.

After this, they were transformed into the gold ultracompetent cells - ~~using~~ different protocol than before, Gabby did this, and let grow overnight.

8/12 (My last day at NRL this summer)

The ~~cells~~ competent cells for A and B finally grew!

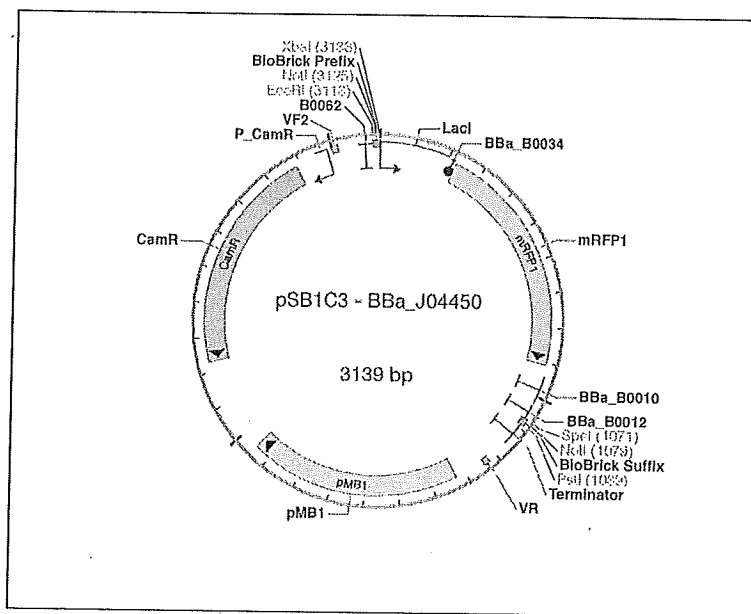


## LabGenius BioBrick Mapper

This plasmid viewer is only for the visualization of parts within specified plasmid backbones. It does not show sample availability, or the correct plasmid backbone that a sample may be in.

pSB1C3

RFC #10


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Synthesize the gene (H) w/ a G block  
set up gradient, same PCR tubes and see  
maybe new primers w/ ↓ T<sub>m</sub>  
~~check PCR~~

maybe get new buffer for digest + ligation

(ATCC - weeks/months to get the bacteria)

Send email to Nick - does anyone have chlor.-resistant cells

try ultracompetent cells - if fail, something  
wrong w/ steps 1-5

mode of action for chloramphenicol - look up.  
~~probably~~ ribosomal

positive chloramphenicol control strain from Tarr

### 1. Primers

- T<sub>m</sub>, length, RE sites, hairpins, self-dimers, primer pair dimer

### 2. PCR

- Green Mix - Tag

\* PCR - Q5 M.M. - Q5 - keep on ice & preheat PCR machine

\* PCR cleanup

### 3. RE digest

- can't really check well to see if it's working

\* RE - Buffer, enzymes

### 4. Ligation

- Buffer - warm & vortex ⇒ p.pette  
- enzyme on ice

### 5. Transformation

- Heat shock

- cells - use 100 µL, full tube & 20 µL of ligation

- plates - use correct plates

### 6. Plating

- Drug

- other chemicals DAP

4. Cycle each reaction using the cycling parameters outlined in Table I. (For the control reaction, use a 2.5-minute extension time.)

**TABLE I**

**Cycling Parameters for the QuikChange Lightning Site-Directed Mutagenesis Method**

Segment	Cycles	Temperature	Time
1	1	95°C	2 minutes
2	18	95°C	20 seconds
		60°C	10 seconds
		68°C	30 seconds/kb of plasmid length*
3	1	68°C	5 minutes

\* For example, a 5-kb plasmid requires 2.5 minutes per cycle at 68°C.

## Dpn I Digestion of the Amplification Products

1. Add 2 µl of the provided Dpn I restriction enzyme directly to each amplification reaction.

**Notes** Use only the Dpn I enzyme provided; do not substitute with an enzyme from another source.

2. Gently and thoroughly mix each reaction mixture by pipetting the solution up and down several times. Briefly spin down the reaction mixtures and then immediately incubate at 37°C for 5 minutes to digest the parental (i.e., the nonmutated) supercoiled dsDNA.

## Transformation of XL10-Gold Ultracompetent Cells

**Notes** Please read the Transformation Guidelines before proceeding with the transformation protocol.

*XL10-Gold cells are resistant to tetracycline and chloramphenicol. If the mutagenized plasmid contains only the *tet<sup>R</sup>* or *cam<sup>R</sup>* resistance marker, an alternative strain of competent cells must be used.*

1. Gently thaw the XL10-Gold ultracompetent cells on ice. For each control and sample reaction to be transformed, aliquot 45 µl of the ultracompetent cells to a *prechilled* 14-ml BD Falcon polypropylene round-bottom tube.
2. Add 2 µl of the β-ME mix provided with the kit to the 45 µl of cells. (Using an alternative source of β-ME may reduce transformation efficiency.)
3. Swirl the contents of the tube gently. Incubate the cells on ice for 2 minutes.

4. Transfer 2  $\mu$ l of the *Dpn* I-treated DNA from each control and sample reaction to separate aliquots of the ultracompetent cells.

As an optional control, verify the transformation efficiency of the XL10-Gold ultracompetent cells by adding 1  $\mu$ l of 0.01 ng/ $\mu$ l pUC18 control plasmid (dilute the control provided 1:10 in high-quality water) to another 45- $\mu$ l aliquot of cells.

5. Swirl the transformation reactions gently to mix and incubate the reactions on ice for 30 minutes.

**Note** *The incubation time for this step may be reduced to 10 minutes without substantial losses in transformation efficiency.*

6. Preheat NZY<sup>+</sup> broth (see *Preparation of Media and Reagents*) in a 42°C water bath for use in step 9.

**Note** *Transformation of XL10-Gold ultracompetent cells has been optimized using NZY<sup>+</sup> broth.*

7. Heat-pulse the tubes in a 42°C water bath for 30 seconds. The duration of the heat pulse is *critical* for obtaining the highest efficiencies. Do not exceed 42°C.

**Note** *This heat pulse has been optimized for transformation in 14-ml BD Falcon polypropylene round-bottom tubes.*

8. Incubate the tubes on ice for 2 minutes.
9. Add 0.5 ml of preheated (42°C) NZY<sup>+</sup> broth to each tube, then incubate the tubes at 37°C for 1 hour with shaking at 225–250 rpm.



10. Plate the appropriate volume of each transformation reaction, as indicated in the table below, on agar plates containing the appropriate antibiotic for the plasmid vector.

For the mutagenesis and transformation controls, spread cells on LB-ampicillin agar plates containing 80 µg/ml X-gal and 20 mM IPTG (see *Preparing the Agar Plates for Color Screening*).

#### Transformation reaction plating volumes

Reaction Type	Volume to Plate <sup>a</sup>
pWhitescript mutagenesis control	10 µl
pUC18 transformation control	2.5 µl
Sample mutagenesis	10–250 µl <sup>b</sup>

<sup>a</sup> When plating volumes less than 100 µl, place a 200-µl pool of NZY<sup>+</sup> broth on the agar plate, pipet the small volume of the transformation reaction into the pool, then spread the mixture.

<sup>b</sup> The optimal amount for spreading varies according to the size and sequence of the mutagenized plasmid. It is generally useful to plate the entire transformation mixture, divided among multiple plates and covering a range of plating volumes.

11. Incubate the transformation plates at 37°C for >16 hours.

#### Expected Results for the Control Transformations

The expected colony number from the transformation of the pWhitescript 4.5 kb control mutagenesis reaction is >100 colonies. Greater than 85% of the colonies should contain the mutation and appear as blue colonies on agar plates containing IPTG and X-gal.

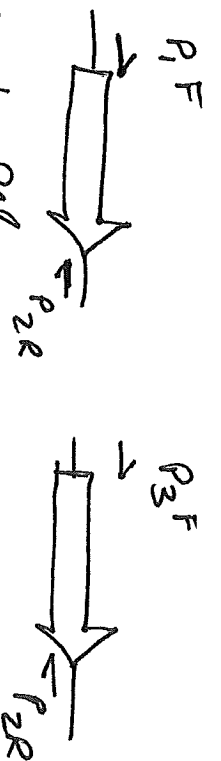
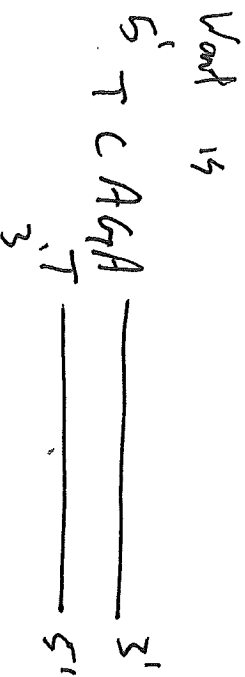
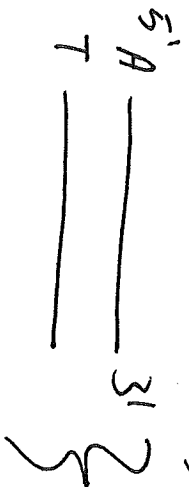
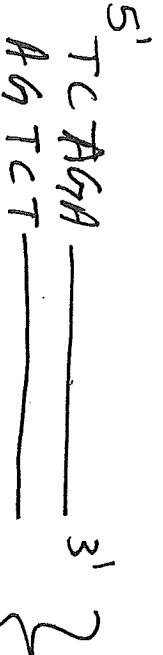
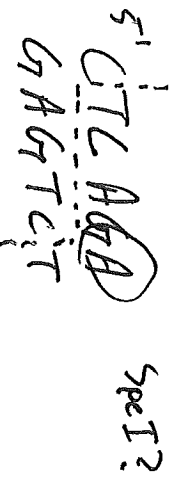
**Note** The mutagenesis efficiency (ME) for the pWhitescript 4.5-kb control plasmid is calculated by the following formula:

$$ME = \frac{\text{Number of blue colony forming units (cfu)}}{\text{Total number of colony forming units (cfu)}} \times 100\%$$

If transformation of the pUC18 control plasmid was performed, >50 colonies (>10<sup>9</sup> cfu/µg) should be observed, with >98% having the blue phenotype.

#### Expected Results for Sample Transformations

The expected colony number depends upon the base composition and length of the DNA template employed. For suggestions on increasing colony number, see *Troubleshooting*. The insert of interest should be sequenced to verify that selected clones contain the desired mutation(s).

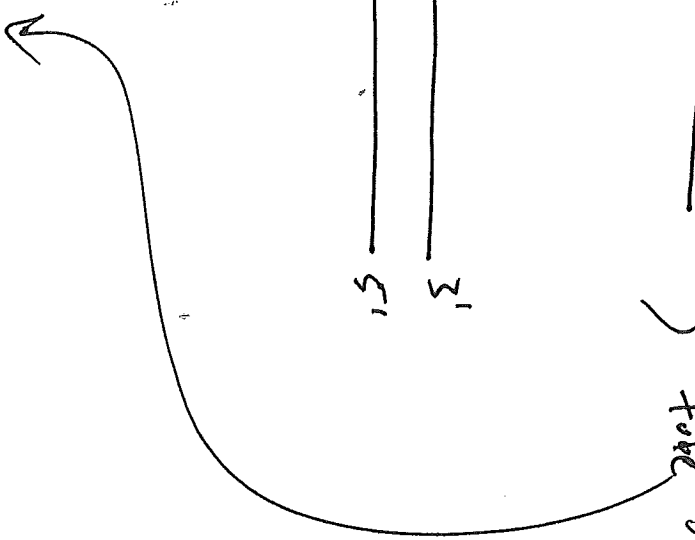


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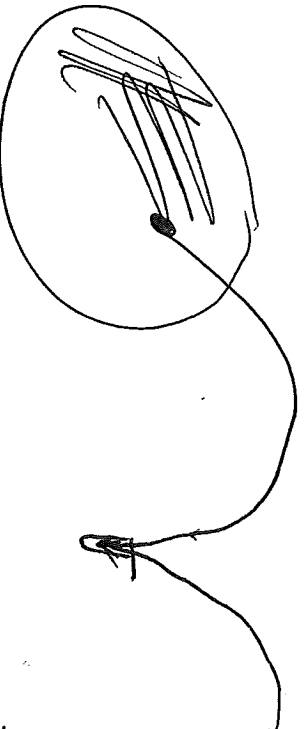
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5'10 30 sec.  
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take 25 ul of the 45 ng/ul and put into tube = 1125 ng  
 22.5 of the 50 ng/ul put into same tube  
 47.5 ul use for ligation

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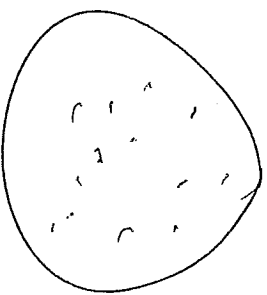
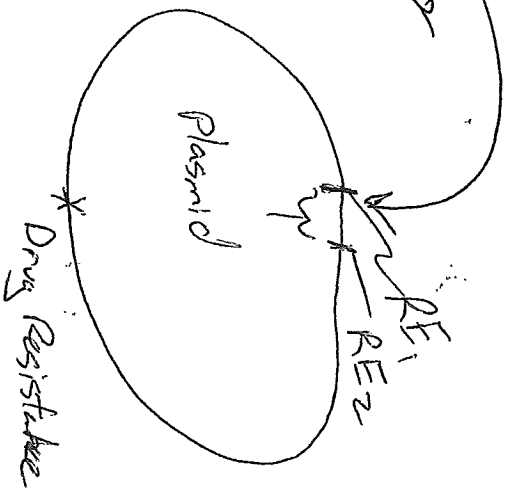
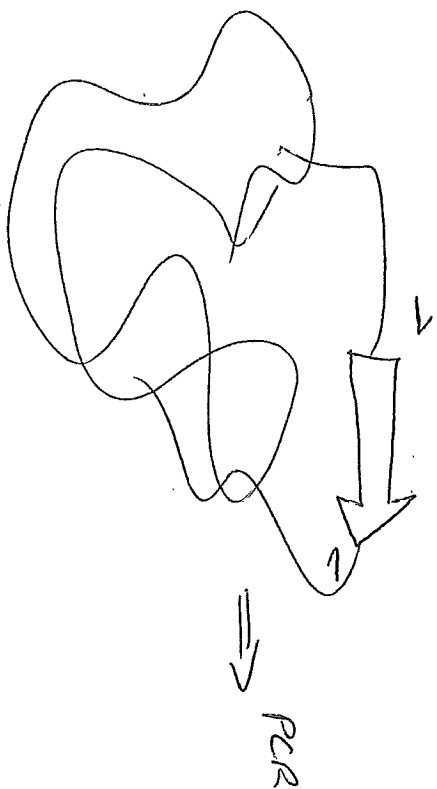
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Add Green mix + plasmids  
Primers

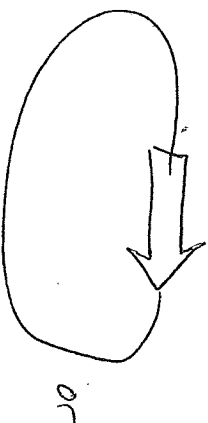
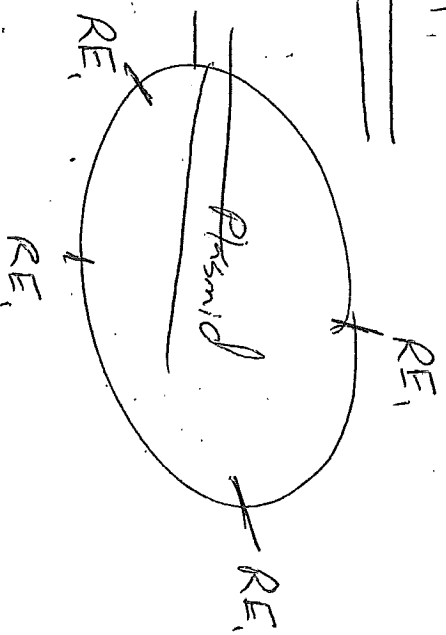
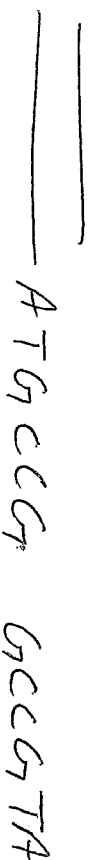
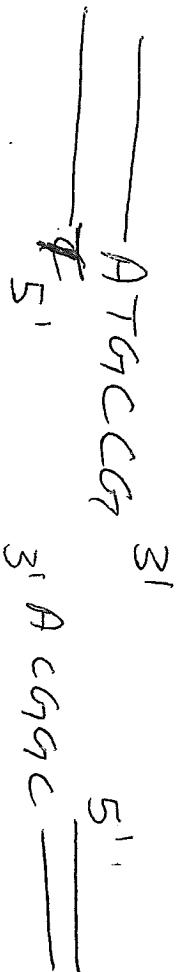
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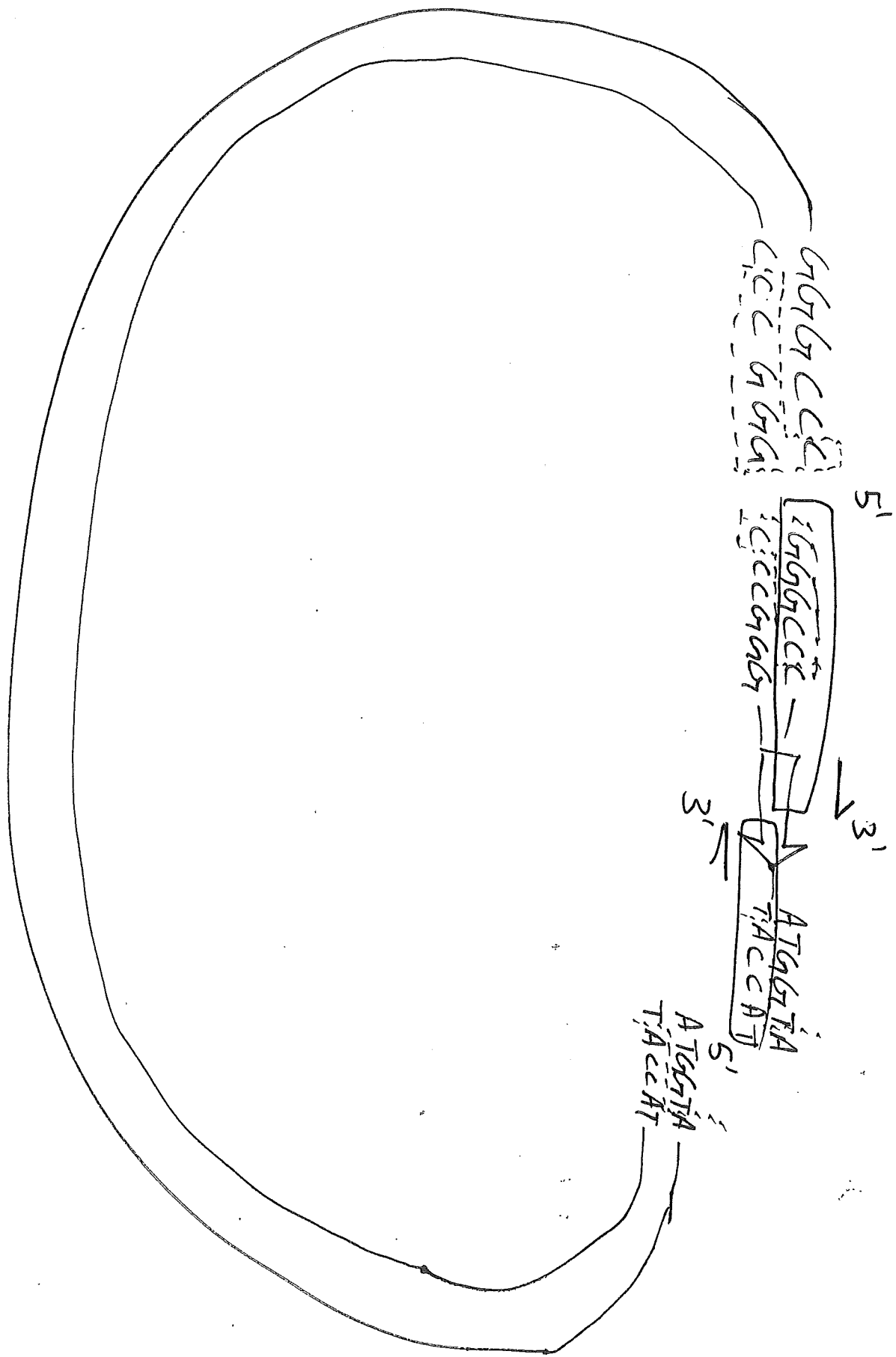
Masters Mix x 11

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H<sub>2</sub>O

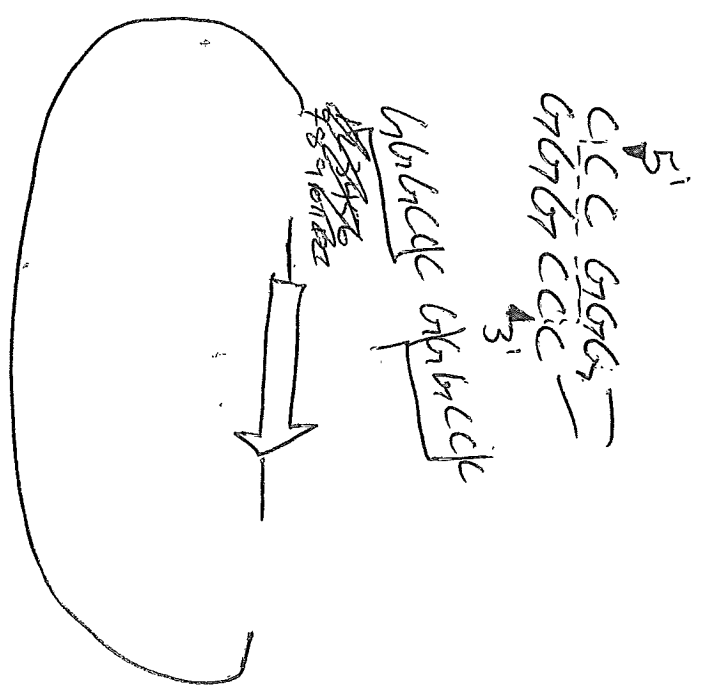
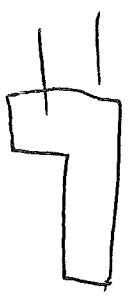
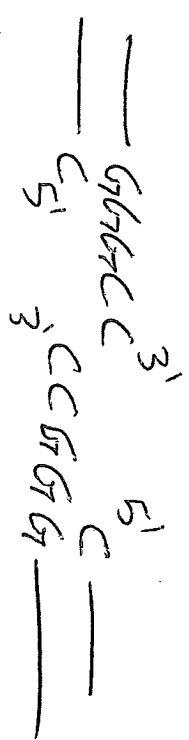
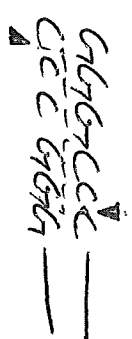




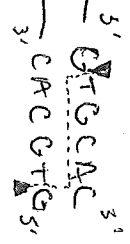
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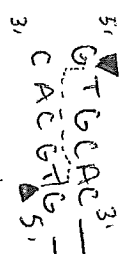
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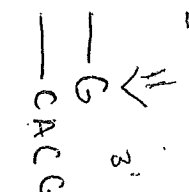
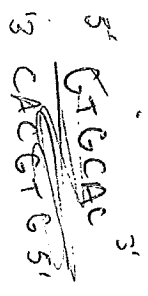
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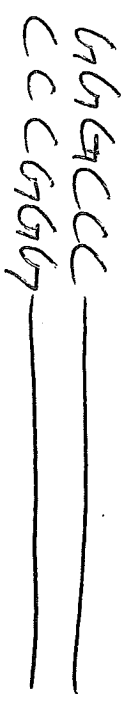
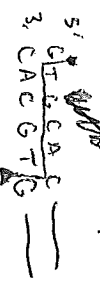
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Primer Forward

Primer Reverse



plasmid



Forward primer

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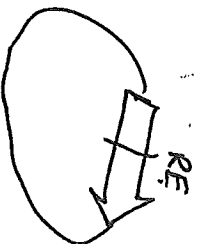
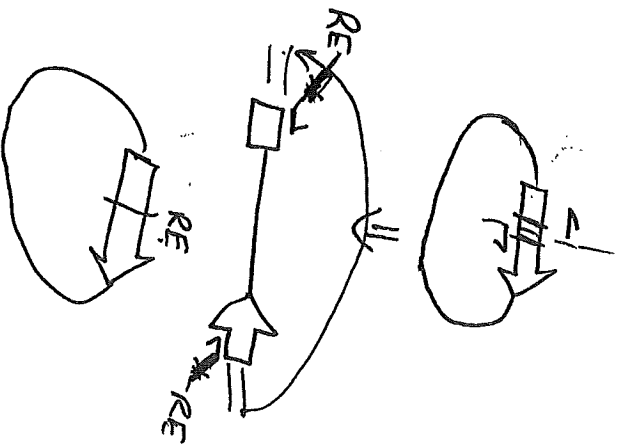
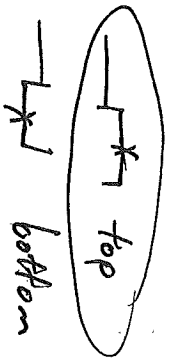
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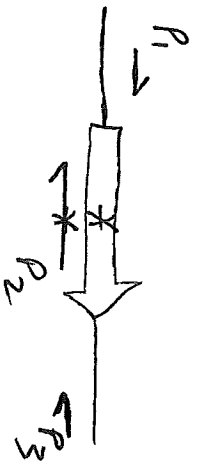






Mega Primers  
Ultra Primers





$dsDNA + P_3$

